

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 C12Q1/68

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 C12Q C12N G01N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	YOSHIKAWA TAKAKI ET AL: "Prognostic value of tissue inhibitor of matrix metalloproteinase-1 in plasma of patients with gastric cancer" CANCER LETTERS, vol. 151, no. 1, 3 April 2000 (2000-04-03), pages 81-86, XP002317462 ISSN: 0304-3835 the whole document ----- -/-	1-25,27

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Box No. I Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence(s) (Continuation of item 1.b of the first sheet)

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3. Additional comments:

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